

**MI Child Support Formula - Comments about child support.....**

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I would like to comment on the possible changes to the state's child support guidelines. I am married with two children. I understand the need for parents to take care of their children no matter what. But I know people that are divorced and one of them is my brother. Last year his now ex-wife asked him to move out. He had no idea this was coming. He had suspected that she was having an affair with someone from work. Soon after he moved out she said she wanted a divorce. With-in one month of my brother moving out of the house the person my brothers ex-wife was not having an affair with moved into her house. She now has a child with this person.

My brother has two children from his marriage. He has them every other weekend. Plus he spends some individual time with them during the week when he can. He pays \$400/month in child support which is roughly 1/3 of his income. His ex has her new boy friend and mother living with her. So there are three incomes coming into that household. My brother has to live with our mother because he can not afford to make it on \$800/month if he were living on his own.

Something needs to change in the child support system. The people I know that are divorced and have children do not have an issue with paying child support. The issue is that they have to leave the house, and then they are expected to make it on their own with so little money. How can a person who is taking home \$800/month afford a decent place to live, food, gas, clothing, a vehicle to drive, etc. While his ex wife is way better off financially because of three incomes in one house hold. Please consider some reasonable changes to the way that child support payments are made, without making people live below the poverty line.

Thank you,  
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